

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

STEVEN VANCE, et al.,

CASE NO. C20-1082JLR

Plaintiffs,

## NOTICE TO PARTIES

V.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION,

Defendant.

It has come to the court's attention that the court's conflict-checking system did identify that International Business Machines Corp. ("IBM") is included on the undersigned's conflict list when IBM appeared as an interested party in this action in 2021. The undersigned's conflict with IBM arises from a small number of shares held by his spouse in her individual retirement account.

The court DIRECTS each party to file a response to this notice regarding (1)

whether the party consents to the undersigned continuing to preside over this matter and  
(2) if the party does not consent, the party's position regarding whether the court should

1 vacate any orders entered after IBM appeared in this case. The parties shall file their  
2 responses by January 7, 2022.

3 Dated this 28th day of December, 2021.

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